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WARS AND THE DEFICIT

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, it's really no secret that the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have created a massive deficit that, if left to Republicans, will burden our children and grandchildren with the debt that Republicans created. The wars have cost over \$1 trillion. And it's mind-boggling to hear that the minority leader wants senior citizens to pay for these wars. He wants to increase the Social Security retirement age to 70 for people who have at least 20 years until retirement, and wants actually to tie the cost of retirement to the Consumer Price Index—what an idea, boy, I tell you—instead of the wage inflation index. And he wants it only for those who need them.

Several years ago, the Republicans, let me remind you, they wanted to privatize Social Security. Democrats said, “no.” Can you imagine what would have happened to seniors had their retirements been given to Wall Street given Wall Street's greed and given their irresponsibility? Their lives would be shattered.

So Democrats will say “no” to Republican ideas to slash Social Security to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

LEADERSHIP IS ABOUT ACTION

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, I have always been told that leadership is about action, not position. But when you hear the position on the other side of the aisle that we need to stand up for big Wall Street banks, we need to stand up and apologize to BP and Big Oil for our involvement in trying to clean up the oil spills, and we need to stand up and allow foreign corporations to be involved in our political process, there is a clear difference between this aisle, and it's a bright line. The American people need to understand this.

When we took office a year ago as freshman Democrats, we were handed two undeclared, unfunded wars, an economy that was in free fall, we didn't know where we were going to land, and greed, unregulated greed on Wall Street. And now the answers and solutions that we hear from the other side is that we need to privatize Social Security to pay for our debt, we need to make sure that we apologize to BP, we need to make Americans work harder and work until they are 70.

Mr. Speaker, there is a clear difference. We need regulated reform to make sure that Wall Street banks are accountable. We need to make sure we

move away from our dependence on foreign oil, so that we stand up to the big insurance companies and provide access to health care for all Americans. There has been a clear difference for the decisions that we made because we know on this side that leadership is about action, not position.

TRADE, COMPETITIVENESS, AND CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

(Mr. QUIGLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, trade is critically important to our economic well-being. Trade provides a market for American goods, and sustains millions of jobs in vital American industries. In fact, exports support one of every five manufacturing jobs.

Trade can also make the U.S. a leader in clean energy technologies. In 2009, China edged the U.S. out of the top spot in spending on clean energy. But projects like the all-electric commercial truck built by Navistar in my district, and supported through a Federal stimulus investment, can restore the U.S. as the leader in this field while creating jobs here at home.

Now we need to pursue a better competition policy and help simplify the patchwork of global regulatory standards that cripple businesses trying to export goods internationally. We can make trade policy work for American businesses and for a cleaner environment.

PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER CATAFALQUE

Mr. BOCCIERI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 65) providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD, late a Senator from the State of West Virginia, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PASITOR of Arizona). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 65

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, late a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Con. Res. 284; H.R. 5395; H. Res. 1446; and H.R. 4307, each by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

RECOGNIZING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 284) recognizing the work and importance of special education teachers, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 415, nays 0, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 402]

YEAS—415

Aderholt	Boyd	Cohen
Adler (NJ)	Brady (PA)	Cole
Akin	Braley (IA)	Conaway
Alexander	Bright	Connolly (VA)
Altmire	Broun (GA)	Conyers
Andrews	Brown (SC)	Cooper
Arcuri	Brown, Corrine	Costa
Austria	Brown-Waite,	Costello
Baca	Ginny	Courtney
Bachmann	Buchanan	Crenshaw
Bachus	Burgess	Critz
Baird	Burton (IN)	Crowley
Baldwin	Butterfield	Cuellar
Barrett (SC)	Buyer	Cummings
Barrow	Calvert	Dahlkemper
Bartlett	Camp	Davis (AL)
Barton (TX)	Campbell	Davis (CA)
Bean	Cantor	Davis (IL)
Berkley	Cao	Davis (KY)
Berman	Capito	Davis (TN)
Berry	Capps	DeFazio
Biggert	Capuano	DeGette
Blibray	Cardoza	Delahunt
Bilirakis	Carnahan	DeLauro
Bishop (GA)	Carney	Dent
Bishop (NY)	Carson (IN)	Deutch
Bishop (UT)	Carter	Diaz-Balart, L.
Blackburn	Cassidy	Diaz-Balart, M.
Blumenauer	Castle	Dicks
Blunt	Castor (FL)	Dingell
Bocciari	Chaffetz	Djou
Boehner	Chandler	Doggett
Bonner	Childers	Donnelly (IN)
Bono Mack	Chu	Doyle
Boozman	Clarke	Dreier
Boren	Cleaver	Driehaus
Boswell	Clyburn	Duncan
Boucher	Coble	Edwards (MD)
Boustany	Coffman (CO)	Edwards (TX)